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Identical letters dated 28 January 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I attach herewith a letter containing a complaint against the enemy Israeli forces, which abducted a Lebanese citizen from within Lebanese territory on 18 January 2011 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 28 January 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On 18 January 2011, an Israeli enemy patrol crossed the technical fence and the Blue Line, entering Lebanese territory and lying in ambush at a location six metres north of the Blue Line, on the outskirts of the Lebanese town of Rumaysh. The ambush resulted in the abduction of a Lebanese citizen, Shirbil al-Khuri, whom the Israeli enemy forces proceeded to take into occupied Palestinian territory. That action represents a flagrant violation of Lebanese sovereignty, Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and affirms yet again Israel's contempt for international resolutions and its determination to continue to pursue its aggressive and provocative policies and to continually threaten international peace and security. Lebanon has repeatedly complained of the continual abductions that are carried out by Israeli enemy forces of helpless Lebanese civilians who are beaten and subjected to mental and physical injury, thereby affirming Israel's determination to pursue a policy of aggression against Lebanon. Lebanon demands that the Security Council should fulfil its responsibilities and take appropriate measures to prevail upon Israel to cease its daily violations of Lebanese sovereignty, abandon its aggressive policy towards Lebanese citizens and withdraw from all Lebanese territory in accordance with Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 1701 (2006).